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In re the application of:

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For: BIODEGRADABLE CERAMIC FIBRES FROM SILICA SOLS

CONFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIMS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 24, 2003

Sir:

The Patent Office is requested to recognize the applicants' priority claims. The facts supporting this request follow:

1. This application is a U.S. national stage of International Application PCT/FI00/00131, filed February 21, 2000, and claims priority of U.S. provisional application 60/121,180, filed February 22, 1999.

2. The Patent Office recognized the Applicants' priority claim, as demonstrated by the Corrected Filing Receipt (Exhibit I, attached).

3. However, the Notice of Allowability does not acknowledge these claims for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) and 120 (Exhibit II, attached).

An Amendment After Allowance is attached, and seeks to amend the specification to include a reference to U.S. provisional

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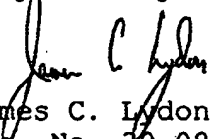
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application 60/121,180, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. The Patent Office is requested to enter the Amendment, and to recognize the applicants' priority claims.

An Issue Fee Transmittal and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are also attached.

It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Confirmation. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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Exhibits:

- I - Corrected Filing Receipt
- II - Notice of Allowability (Cover Sheet only)

Enclosures:

Amendment After Allowance
Issue Fee Transmittal
Recordation Form Cover Sheet